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SUBJ: MTN: BASE RATES/BASE DATE -- CANADA

REF: A. MTN GENEVA 5838; B. STATE 167466

1. WE MET WITH CANADIAN DELEGATION (GORE) TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF BASE RATES/BASE DATE ISSUE (REF A). GORE MADE AVAILABLE ON SHORT-TERM LOAN HIS DRAFT COPY OF CANADIAN TARIFF RATE INFORMATION FILE.

2. AS RESULT OF OUR ANALYSIS BASED ON CANADIAN DRAFT CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE, REF B WAS CORRECT EXCEPT FOR NUMBER 9021--TOMATO JUICE, WHICH WAS BOUND TO US AT 20 PERCENT IN 1947 NEGOTIATIONS. AS FOR 36805--CLOCK MOVEMENTS, THIS NUMBER DOES NOT APPEAR IN CURRENT CANADIAN TARIFF SCHEDULE OR IN DRAFT CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE.

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CLOCK MOVEMENTS APPEAR SUBSUMED UNDER 36800--CLOCKS, MOVEMENTS,

CASES, WHICH IS BOUND.

3. A MORE DETAILED EXAMINATION OF CANADIAN TARIFF FILE REVEALED FOUR ADDITIONAL UNBOUND ITEMS ON WHICH APPLIED RATES ON JAN 1, 1974 WERE LOWER: 70--FRESH LAMB AND MUTTON, 6 CENTS PER LB. TO 4 CENTS; 2505--COFFEE EXTRACTS, 7 CENTS PER LB. TO FREE; 26906--HEAVY FUEL OILS, ONE-THIRD CENT GALLON TO FREE; 41507--REFRIGERATOR PARTS, 20 PERCENT TO 15, AND 60520--REPTILE LEATHER FROM 7.5 PERCENT TO FREE.

4. BOTH SIDES NOTED THAT TARIFFS ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS NOT LIKELY TO BE NEGOTIATED IN MTN.

5. COMMENT: ANALYSIS OF CANADIAN UNBOUND RATES LEADS DELEGATION TO CONCLUDE THAT BASE RATES/BASE DATE PROBLEM WITH CANADA IS OF MONOR TRADE SIGNIFICANCE. WE WILL TRY TO PERSUADE CANADIANS THAT THEY WOULD BENEFIT VIS-A-VIS JAPAN IF THEY ADOPTED US-EC POSITION ON ISSUE.WALKER

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